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The Honorable William F. Knowland  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Knowland:

I wish to express my thanks to you for your kind remarks about CIA on the Floor of the Senate on 5 July. Needless to say, they were deeply appreciated, particularly in view of some of the rather critical comments that have appeared recently. As you know, we never make any response to any published criticism because of the nature of the work of the Agency. Therefore, it is doubly gratifying to have someone take up the cudgel in our defense.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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